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J.D.C. and OTHER OVERSEAS RELIEF CAMPAIGN TO BE LAUNCHED MONDAY EVENING, MAY 31st.

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN



Harold Rubin

Two thousand years our people have waited for a national homeland. Two thousand years of persecution, strife and wandering have been our lot. Now we, the Jewish people, have at last obtained our objective, and though the result is much less than we hoped, bargained, and fought for, nevertheless we can face the rest of the world with a new born pride.

The past 31 years since the Balfour Declaration have been the most eventful and the most successful in our campaign for recognition, but our job has just begun.

We are faced with the problem of not only lessening the pain and suffering of our destitute brethren overseas with temporary relief, but also the gigantic problem of rebuilding and rehabilitating the lives of those Jews still remaining in Europe; Jews who cry out in prayer and suffering for a home in Palestine.

The displaced Jews of Europe are a superior kind of people—men and women who have managed to survive through the worst. People who had taken all that and had come through with spirits whole must be envied among the better specimens of the human race.

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They have not been reduced, except for utter material poverty. They are not the poor of spirit. Adversity has been to their characters like the flame that turns iron into the strength of steel.

In their camps they have been cultivating their minds and hands against the time when they would again be accepted people in the world. They are hopeful and brave. Their characters would make a splendid contribution to the present ingredients of Palestine.

We are thankful for the consciences of many people that are stirring, even belatedly, against the awful travail of the displaced.

Only J.D.C. has the administrative power born of years of effort and experience to carry out the final phase of this chapter.

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GUEST SPEAKER



Rabbi Hershel Schacter

The 1948 Ottawa Campaign for the J.D.C. and other Overseas Relief Agencies will be officially launched with a Dinner at 7.00 p.m. on Monday evening, May 31, at the Chateau Laurier Hotel. Ottawa Jewry will thus join communities throughout Canada who are making an all-out effort to raise upwards of \$2,500,000 for the relief and rehabilitation of our stricken brethren on the European Continent.

The Guest Speaker, Rabbi Hershel Schacter, who is the spiritual leader of the Moshulu Jewish Center in New York, advanced through battle-scarred Germany with the most forward elements of American infantry during the war, and was the first Jewish Chaplain to enter the notorious Buchenwald concentration camp.

The Chaplain gained wide recognition for his immediate steps to help the liberated concentration camp victims, organizing them into the Jewish Committee of Buchenwald which became the first post-Hitler Jewish organization on German soil.

Following these accomplishments, Chaplain Schacter was requested by General Eisenhower's Supreme Headquarters to supervise the rescue and transportation of 350 Jewish children from Buchenwald to Switzerland. Prior to leaving for Europe

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THE CHALLENGE OF ISRAEL

By B. M. Alexander

The proclamation of the republic of Israel announced to the world a situation which had been developing for fifty years; and which latterly was a fact — the Yishuv having instituted its own governing and administrative bodies.

It was essential, however, that the National Home should continue to grow unhampered. When, therefore, the White Paper of 1939 would have frozen the National Home and denied to hundreds of thousands of disenfranchised and stateless Jews in Europe the opportunity of acquiring fundamental political rights — it became imperative for Zionists to set their sights on a Jewish State. For it was clear from that time on that the needs of the Jewish people could only be met by the creation of an independent political entity for which the Jewish inhabitants themselves would be responsible.

The State came into being long before May 14, 1948, the date of the official proclamation, and it was created by the Jews themselves notwithstanding the efforts of the United Nations. It was built slowly and painfully by the Jews of Palestine with the assistance of Jews throughout the world, and it will depend on those same people for its continued development. From the present muddled situation one factor emerges clearly—the determination of Israel and its people to go forward in spite of any obstacle that may be placed in their path.

Israel's challenge to us in Canada is that we match its courage, faith and sacrifice. Immigrants must still be brought to the shores of Israel and land be purchased for them. Every agency which contributes to those ends must receive our continued and increased support. Israel must have, too, our moral support in these dark days until the clouds of warfare and intrigue are finally rolled away. These are the duties of every Jew, wherever he is — and if he fulfills them steadfastly, Israel will live again at peace among the nations.

SCHOCKEN BOOKS, INC. - NEW YORK

For the last year and a half, Schocken Books, Inc., a firm specializing in the publication of Jewish writings of the past and present has published about twenty books in English, drawn from the rich and varied cultural traditions of Judaism. This has been indeed a most welcome contribution to Anglo-Jewish literature of today. The publication of these books, and their enthusiastic reception by the American Jewish public has shown the great success which Schocken Books, Inc., has attained. For its main purpose in being established in America was the desire of this firm to bind more closely the cultural relationship between European and Palestinian Jewry.

Schocken Books was first established in Germany when the Zionist leaders first found the keen lack of Jewish publications in that country. At a convention of the German Zionist Organization, Salman Schocken, a delegate, suggested that a committee be formed to initiate a program of Jewish publishing. The men chosen for this committee were afterwards to play an important role in Jewish intellectual life—men like Martin Buber, Max Brod, Hugo Bergmann, Kurt Blumenfeld, with Salman Schocken as chairman.

From 1917 to 1927, this committee published a number of volumes which played a great part in the German Jewish cultural renaissance of the twenties and thirties.

In 1927, when the committee ended its activities, Salman Schocken took over the work, and established a Jewish publishing house. During the next eight years, Schocken Bucherei became an established cultural institution of German Jewish life. It became the sole publishers of people like Buber, Leo Baeck and Gershom Scholem. A variety of classic Jewish figures, ranging from Philo to Kafka, from Yehuda Halevi to Bialik, from Maimonides to Agnon and Peretz, were presented to the modern public. Until 1939, when political conditions in Germany forced it to close its doors, Schocken published over 250 volumes. After 1939, Schocken transferred its activities to Tel Aviv and Jerusalem, where the Schocken Publishing House, Ltd. began to publish modern Hebrew prose and poetry, and also, to present in Hebrew the masterworks of European literature, i.e., translations of Dostoevsky, Heine, Strindberg, Balzac, etc.

In 1946, Schocken Books, Inc. began to publish great works of the Jewish past and present in English versions. A number of volumes of the "Schocken Library" have already been published, some of which were reviewed in these columns, others being, *The Pharisees* by Leo Baeck (who recently visited the United States) which is a collection of essays, in which Leo Baeck exam-

BOOK NOTES

By Deborah Lifschutz

ines the origins of the great Western religions and compares them with Judaism; *Inside Kasrilevke*, by Sholom Aleichem, a translation from the Yiddish, of the humorist's Baedeker to his imaginary home town; *Solomon Maimon*, an autobiography, and the *Rabbi of Bachernach* by Heinrich Heine, both of which will be reviewed in a future issue.

Schocken Books, Inc. is to be commended for making available the cultural heritage that is his, to every English speaking Jew.

THE BISHOP'S MANTLE. By Agnes Sligh Turnbull. Macmillan Co. N.Y. 1948. \$3.00. 359 pp.

The Bishop's Mantle is the story of Hilary Laurens, young intensely religious, idealistic and spiritual and his first years of ministry at a large fashionable church.

Being a Rabbi's wife, and experiencing so close at hand all the problems, misunderstandings, the frustrations and also the happy moments of a minister and his congregation whose efforts, whose every thought, whose every waking moment is spent in terms of service to his people, I find this book a fascinating and true picture of a minister's life. This is a book that every layman should read, for in it we find those happenings and experiences in the minister's life of which the average person is unaware. It is here that the reader meets the businessmen, leaders of the congregation, some of whom feel that their business tactics, no matter how unscrupulous, have nothing to do with their leadership in the church; the autocratic sexton, who practically runs the congregation; the secretary who is such a help to Hilary, and those members of his congregation who are such a help to him by being frank and openminded and helping him by their opinions. Last but by no means least of all, we have Alexa, the gay spirited beautiful girl whom Hilary marries, and who finds it so hard to accommodate herself to the quiet conservative life of a minister's wife.

This is indeed a revealing story of a prominent life's calling about which so little is known.

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HANOAR STUDY AND BREAKFAST CLUB HOLDS ANNUAL FATHER AND SON SESSION

Upwards of 125 members, parents and friends of the Hanoar Study and Breakfast Club attended the Annual Father and Son Session and Oratorical Contest on Sunday morning, May 16 at the Adath Jeshurun Congregation.

The impressive services were conducted by Samuel Litwack, Al Murray and Louis Honigman while Alfred Friedman, Louis Friendly and Herman Halpern read English translations.

At the breakfast following services, Mr. L. S. Greenberg, Chairman of the Breakfast Club Committee extended an official welcome to the gathering on behalf of the Vaad Ha'Ir.

Rabbi Lifschutz presented the U.O.J.C.A. Bar-Mitzvah Certificate and a volume entitled "Bar-Mitzvah", by the late Dr. Pereira Mendes, to the 14 boys who attained Bar-Mitzvah during the year as a personal gift from Mrs. Lifschutz and himself. In his remarks, the Rabbi charged the boys with their responsibilities towards themselves and their people and urged them to live with dignity and pride in the true spirit of the Torah. Messrs. A. Bookman, H. Gencher, H. Gould, H. Harris and M. Zbar assisted in the presentations.

The Lawrence Freiman Award for content material in the Oratorical Contest was won by Jack Feldberg. Mr. Thomas Sachs made the presentation on Mr. Freiman's behalf. The Robert Edelstein Trophy for delivery in the Oratorical Contest was won by Philip Klein and was presented by Mr. T. P. Metrick on Mr. Edelstein's behalf. Consolation prizes were presented by Mr. Joe Feller to Norman Beiles, Al Greenberg and Max Larventz. Messrs. Sol Max, T. P. Metrick and Roy Saiper were the Judges.

The following awards were also presented:

Tel Aviv Tennis Club Memberships to all members under 15 years of age by Mr. Jess Abelson; The Sam Caplan Award for Attendance by Mr. Sam Caplan to Al Murray; Harold Rubin Achievement Awards by Mr. Harold Rubin to Ben Greenberg, Lawrence Weiner, Philip Klein, David Ritt, Norman Beiles and Louis Friendly; Max Feller Interest Prizes by Mr. Max Feller to Percy Brill and Sidney Morin; Rev. J. Mirsky Memorial Prize donated by Mr. J. D. Mirsky and presented by Mr. M. B. Abrams on his behalf to Louis Honigman; Joel Zagerman Memorial Award donated by Mr. M. Zagerman and presented on his behalf by Mr. Hy Bessin to Carl Baylin.

Gifts were presented to Directors Hy Hochberg and David Lifschutz by Messrs. A. Betcherman and S. Caplan on behalf of the Vaad Ha'Ir.

CANADIAN ZIONIST ORGANIZATION APPOINTS PUBLIC RELATIONS DIRECTOR



MOSES A. APPEL, a native of Ottawa and for the past year and a half Director of Public Relations of the American and World Jewish Congress, who has been appointed Director of Public Relations of the Zionist Organization of Canada, with headquarters in Ottawa.

KINDLING THE SABBATH LIGHTS "L'Hadlik Neir Shel Shabbos" SCHEDULE

May 28	8:22 p.m.
June 4	8:28 p.m.
June 11	8:33 p.m.
June 18	8:36 p.m.

WEEKLY PORTIONS

May 29
Torah—“Behar”—(Leviticus 25:1 - 26:2)
Prophets—Jeremiah 32:6 - 27.

June 5
Torah—“Behukotai”—(Leviticus 26:3 - 27:
34)
Prophets—Jeremiah 16:19 - 17:14.

June 12
Torah—“Bamidbar”—(Numbers 1:1 - 4:20).
Prophets—Hosea 2:1 - 22.
(SHAVUOT—Sunday and Monday, June 13 and 14. Memorial Services (Tikkor)—Monday, June 14).

Our sincere appreciation goes to the Rabbi, the Directors, the Breakfast Club Committee, the Vaad Ha'Ir and all the members for their co-operation and assistance in making the season a memorable one in the annals of the Hanoar Study and Breakfast Club.

A number of excellent pictures taken that morning have been mounted and are available for inspection and purchase at the Office of the Vaad Ha'Ir.

MRS. LAWRENCE FREIMAN RE-ELECTED PRESIDENT ADATH JESHURUN SISTERHOOD

At the Annual General Meeting of the Sisterhood of the Adath Jeshurun Congregation held on May 12, the following Executive were elected for the 1948-49 season:

President: Mrs. L. Freiman; 1st Vice-President: Mrs. H. Gould; 2nd Vice-President: Mrs. K. Smith; Treasurer: Mrs. S. J. Ritt; Asst. Treasurer: Mrs. H. Cooper; Recording Secretary: Mrs. J. B. Dover; Corresponding Secretary: Mrs. A. Hurtig. Committee Chairmen:—Educational and Program: Mrs. E. L. Lifschutz, Mrs. J. Shmelzer; House: Mrs. L. Petegorsky; Assistant Chairmen House Committee: Mrs. G. Caplan, Mrs. G. Friedman; Succoth: Mrs. B. Goldberg; Simchas Torah Party: Mrs. N. Steinman; Refreshments: Mrs. N. Kizell; Asst. Chairman Refreshments: Mrs. S. Toronto; Telephone: Mrs. H. Pearl; Membership: Mrs. N. Steinman; Representatives to the Local Council of Women: Mrs. L. Freiman, Mrs. H. Gould, Mrs. H. Cooper; Representatives to the Vaad Ha'Ir: Mrs. L. Freiman, Mrs. H. Gould.

CAMP B'NAI B'RITH OPENING JULY 4

Sunday, July 4, will mark the opening of Camp B'nai B'rith of Ottawa which is again being operated for a six week period this year to August 15. Extensive improvements to the waterfront and playground areas are already under way, and every indication points to an outstanding season.

A limited number of registrations are still being accepted, however, parents planning to send their children are urged to register them immediately in view of the limited accommodation. Information may be obtained from Hy Hochberg at 171 George Street, Telephone 4-7086.

KADIMAH CLOSING EXERCISES TO BE HELD MAY 30

The closing exercises of the Kadimah Clubs of Ottawa Young Judaea will take place on Sunday afternoon, May 30, at 2:30 o'clock in the Talmud Torah Hall. On that occasion the best all-round Judaean in each club will be presented with an award. In addition several of the clubs will receive their charters.

RABBI SCHACTER

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To join American combat troops, the Chaplain was assigned to the Antilles Department, from which he administered to the needs of Jewish troops in every major outpost of the Caribbean.

Rabbi Schacter, because of his first hand knowledge of the situation is remarkably well-suited to bring a stirring message to the Jewish Community of Ottawa at this crucial moment in our history.

CRADLE ROLL

Baby son Benjamin Berl born April 28 to Mr. and Mrs. Hyman Bessin (nee Marion Friedman).

Baby daughter Frances Lee (Freida Leah) born May 11 to Mr. and Mrs. Phil Bodnoff (nee Gladys Greenberg).

Baby daughter Elsa Reva (Elka Reva) born April 20 to Mr. and Mrs. Morris Cantor (nee Goldie Rivers).

Baby son Mitchell Ivan (Michel Yitzchok) born April 17 to Mr. and Mrs. William Goldberg (nee Bella Pozitsky).

Baby daughter Diane Sharon (Dina Chana) born April 15 to Mr. and Mrs. and Mrs. Jack Goldstein (nee Gertrude Shinder).

Baby daughter Libbie Anne (Leibe Chana) born April 15 to Mr. and Mrs. Ben Harris (nee Irene Baslaw).

Baby daughter Sophia Louise (Shifra Liebe) born April 16 to Dr. and Mrs. Abraham Hurtig (nee Florence Levinson).

Baby daughter Judith Rachael (Chenya Rachael) born May 4 in North Bay to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kizell (nee Buddy Dover).

Baby son Louis Robert (Eliyahu Reuben) born May 8 to Mr. and Mrs. Ben Levin (nee Shirley Glatt).

Baby son born May 1 to Rabbi and Mrs. Emanuel L. Lifschutz (nee Deborah Sternberg).

Baby son David Joel (David Yacob) born May 1 to Mr. and Mrs. Rubin Nadell (nee Elizabeth Day).

Baby son Garry (Yeshua) born May 1 in New York to Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell Randall (nee Bella Zelikovitz).

Baby daughter Leslie Norma (Leah Noyma) born May 13 to Mr. and Mrs. Sheldon M. Shaffer (nee Sonia Lazear).

Baby daughter Gail Susan (Mina Rifka) born May 16 in Montreal to Mr. and Mrs. Harold Ulrich (nee Dora Zelikovitz).

Baby son Nevan Lyle (Nachum Leib) born April 5 to Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Witen (nee Anne Diamond).

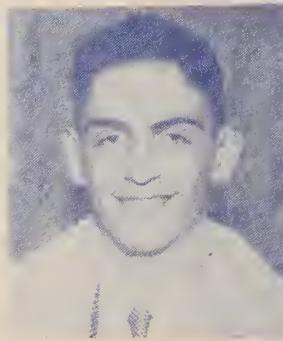
Baby daughter Janet Ellen (Gella) born April 25 to Mr. and Mrs. Louis Wolfe (nee Lillian Caplan).

SADNESS

The Community mourns the recent loss of the late

**Sophie Appel
Harry Victor**

May their memory be a blessing.
May the Almighty comfort their loved ones.

CLOSING SESSION OF HANOAR STUDY AND BREAKFAST CLUB**BAR-MITZVAH**

Samuel Gershon

Congratulations are extended to Mr. and Mrs. David Gershon on the occasion of the Bar-Mitzvah of their son Samuel, which will be celebrated on Saturday morning June 5 at the B'nai Jacob Congregation.

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

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Throughout this continent, every community is striving to increase its quota for European aid. Any sacrifice that the people of our community make is infinitesimal in comparison with the sacrifice of our brethren in Germany, Italy, Austria and Roumania.

The record of Ottawa Jewry in the charitable field is a most excellent one, and I am certain that we shall surpass all previous drives in this united undertaking.

I ask you to delve into your conscience and make clear your answer in oversubscribing our objective this year. We must make possible the immigration of 500,000 Jews of Europe to Palestine. The J.D.C. is the only medium by which this can be accomplished. This is the responsibility of the Jewish people of this continent. This is our responsibility. We must not fail.

ENGAGEMENTS

Congratulations are extended on the engagements of:

Miriam, daughter of Mr. M. Angert and the late Mrs. Angert to Ben, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. Weigensberg of Montreal.

Sally Ann, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. Bogdonov of Winnipeg to Harry, son of Mr. and Mrs. P. Weltman. Marriage to take place August 17 in Winnipeg.

Nancy, daughter of Mrs. S. Goldsmith and the late Mr. D. Goldsmith to Edgar, twin son of Mr. and Mrs. Saul Saslove.

Rose, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. I. Landau to Mel Manis, son of Mrs. J. Singer and the late Mr. E. Manis of Montreal. Marriage to take place November 28 in Montreal.

Vera, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. Landman of Hamilton to Morris, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. Novikoff of Los Angeles, Calif.

Ann Ramona, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. Tarantour to Arthur, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. Lazear. Marriage to take place the end of June.

MARRIAGES

Congratulations are extended to:

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Goldstein (nee Jolana Simkovicova) who were married May 9 at the B'nai Jacob Congregation.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Olshansky (nee Faye Woodrow) who were married April 21 at the home of the bride.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Raport (nee Ann Glassman) who were married April 18 in Toronto.